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DOD identifies Army casualties

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WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense announced the deaths of four Hawaii-based Soldiers who were supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, April 24. The Soldiers, all members of 25 Combat Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Avn. Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, died April 20, in southwestern Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter they were in crashed. U.S. Army-Hawaii mourns the following comrades:

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Nicholas Johnson

Johnson, 27, of San Diego, Calif., belonged to Company A, 2nd Battalion, 25th Combat Avn. Regt. Johnson's awards and decorations include the Navy Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary medals, the Army Service Medal and the Aviator Badge.

Posthumous awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the NATO Medal and the Combat Action Badge. Johnson joined the Army, Sept. 18, 2003, and became a UH-60 pilot, Dec. 12, 2008. OEF was his first deployment.

Sgt. Dean Shaffer

Shaffer, 23, of Pekin, Ill., belonged to Co. B, 2nd Bn., 25th Combat Avn. Regt. Shaffer's awards and decorations include the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal with campaign star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon and the Aviator Badge.

Posthumous awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the NATO Medal and the Combat Action Badge. Shaffer joined the Army, June 12, 2007, as a UH-60 Black Hawk repairer. OEF was his second deployment.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Don Viray

Viray, 25, of Waipahu, Hawaii, belonged to Co. A, 2nd Bn., 25th Combat Avn. Regt. Viray's awards and decorations include the Air Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal with campaign star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Air Assault Badge and the Aviator Badge. Posthumous awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the NATO Medal and the Combat Action Badge. Viray joined the Army, June 26, 2007, as a UH-60 Black Hawk pilot. OEF was his second deployment.

Sgt. Chris Workman

Workman, 33, of Boise, Idaho, belonged to Co. A, 2nd Bn., 25th Combat Avn. Regt. Workman's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Army Service Ribbon and the Basic Parachutist Badge. Posthumous awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the NATO Medal and the Combat Action Badge. Workman joined the Army, Nov. 24, 2009, as a chemical operations specialist. OEF was his third deployment.

"Our heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to the families and loved ones of our fallen heroes," said Maj. Gen. Kurt Fuller, commander, 25th ID. "Although the 25th CAB family has suffered a huge loss, they still continue their mission with the utmost courage and resolve." The cause of the incident is under investigation. A memorial ceremony is tentatively scheduled for 10 a.m., May 9, at the Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel.

TREE CITY USA



Mark Brown | Lend Lease

HELEMANO MILITARY RESERVATION — Soldiers assigned to the 311th Signal Command plant a Native Hawaiian tree to help U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii achieve Tree City USA designation, here, April 20. The HMR event was one of four tree-planting events that took place throughout the day that included Fort Shafter, Aliamanu Military Reservation and Wheeler Army Airfield. Read more about the tree planting event on page B-1.

May is Hawaii Military Appreciation Month

CHARLES OTA

Vice President for Military Affairs,
Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii

HONOLULU — The state of Hawaii has declared the month of May as Hawaii Military Appreciation Month. This is a time for everyone to give thanks to the troops and their families for their untold and unselfish sacrifices. This year's program began with Hawaii's government and business lead-



The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii
The Voice of Business in Hawaii

ers, led by Bank of Hawaii, BAE Systems, Hunt Properties Inc., Hawaii Pacific University, and the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, hosting military leaders with a dinner reception at the historic Royal Hawaiian Hotel, the very place that was used by the military as a rest and recu-

peration center during World War II. The Honolulu Council of the Navy League will host the Combined Military Band Concert, 6-8:30 p.m., May 2, Hale Koa Hotel's Luau Gardens. This special

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JVEF grants support state public schools

U.S. PACIFIC COMMAND
Public Affairs Office

HONOLULU — Board of Directors with the Joint Venture for Education Forum, or JVEF, approved 19 grants worth more than \$800,000 to support Hawaii public schools. These 19 grants focus on funding

transition and resiliency programs; 21st century and on-line learning curriculum; Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, or STEM initiatives; and resources to support increased Advanced Placement courses. The board approved grants that

meet the JVEF mission of providing continuous coordination through partnerships and open dialogue to promote an understanding of and implement initiatives to address the needs of military children and

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8th STB focuses on unit safety year-round

Story and Photos by
SGT. GAELN LOWERS
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Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — Two recently redeployed Soldiers decided to take a joy ride along Oahu's North Shore. However, it had been raining, and one of the motorcyclists ran over a reflective speed bump and lost control of his bike. Shelly Leslie, chief, Outdoor Recreation, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, was driving along the road that day and saw the crash. She and two other motorists, both Soldiers, frantically tried to lift the motorcycle off the injured Soldier's chest. They succeeded and kept him stable just long enough for the ambulance to arrive and transport him to the hospital, where he later died. Leslie shared this story with Soldiers of the 8th Special Troops Battalion, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, during their annual Safety Stand Down Day, here, April 19. The day was set aside to teach and revisit ideas and important safety lessons that every Soldier should keep in mind,



Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Tyler (right), Support Operations, 8th TSC, waits as Phil Meltmar, audiologist, TAMC, inspects his ear during the audiology portion of the 8th STB's Annual Safety Stand Down Day, April 19.

on and off duty. "This is for every Soldier, from the chief of staff and our deputy commander to our lowest privates," said Capt. Kristin

Tashma, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 8th STB. "It is

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25th CAB closes out last mile with Chinook helicopters.

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TAMC, DOD remember victims and survivors during observance.

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Army volunteers tackle trash at Kapahaki clean-up.



Volunteer force | B-3

USAG-HI volunteers honored during recognition ceremony.

We want to hear from you...

The Hawaii Army Weekly welcomes articles from Army organizations, announcements from the general public about community events of interest to the military community, and letters and commentaries.

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Ask the Garrison Commander!

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The "Ask the Garrison Commander" program is designed as a communication tool to allow Soldiers, civilians and family members to get concerns addressed and questions answered by the garrison commander.

Directorates and support staff research queries and provide responses to Col. Douglas Mulbury, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii.

The Customer Management Team at garrison's Plans, Analysis and Integration Office monitors all responses.

A sampling of questions that have community-wide impact are published monthly in the "Hawaii Army Weekly."

Community members can submit questions via the Ask the Garrison Commander website; time-sen-

Mulbury re-emphasizes USAG-HI's communication tools, methods

sitive concerns should be directed to the Interactive Customer Evaluation, or ICE system.

Customer Feedback Venues

The Army community can communicate with the garrison in these venues:

•Through ICE at http://ice.disa.mil.

•Via the Ask the Garrison Commander website at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/comments/contactgc.aspx.

•By submitting an Army Family Action Plan issue form at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/crmt/default.htm.

•Through the Installation Access Council, or IAC. To confirm if your unit is represented, call 655-9033, email Roselina.Stone@us.army.mil or visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/sites/directorates/customer.asp.

Review IAC issue sheets, past issue information and results at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/sites/services/iac.asp.

•During the monthly PX/Commissary Advisory meetings. The next meeting for the Oahu South Community is scheduled for 10:15-11:15 a.m., May 2, at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter.

All Fort Shafter community members are invited to attend and provide input. Call 438-0428.

•During quarterly Facebook town halls. The next Facebook town hall is 6-7:30 p.m., May 29.



Mulbury

BACKTObASICS

Discipline is the most basic soldiering trait

SGT. MAJ. CURTIS H. ARNOLD

Command Sergeant Major,
196th Infantry Brigade

I am currently in the Philippines, serving as the Combined Army Forces command sergeant major for the 2012 Balikatan exercise.

This exercise is conducted yearly with our Philippine army counterparts.

Every year, as we begin to prepare for our training and for our partnership, we attend several planning conferences, site surveys and overall training to ensure that we are fully prepared for the mission.

This year is certainly no different. A lot of time, money and effort have gone into our preparation to ensure the mission will be a success.

The 196th Infantry Brigade is serving as the Combined Army Forces Headquarters for the first time. My commander, Col. Jack Pritchard, and I have put in an enormous amount of effort to ensure that our Soldiers represent our Army, our nation and our unit with utmost professionalism.

Taking the lead this year, we decided to show our Philippine army counterparts a truly "back to basics" exercise. Like all Army leaders, I strive to set the example in both words and actions. I always try to "improve my foxhole."

Upon arrival to Fort Magsaysay, Philippines, I noticed that the area needed a little touch up. I consulted with my commander, and we decided that what was needed was an old-fashioned "GI Party."

We began our day with a shoulder-to-shoulder police call of the outside grounds. This policing was entirely appropriate as the term Balikatan means



Arnold



Courtesy Photo

Soldiers from the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment, 9th Mission Support Command, and their Philippines army counterparts participate in Balikatan 2012. The word balikatan is a Filipino word meaning "shoulder-to-shoulder," and it's an annual bilateral exercise focused on increasing interoperability between the Philippine and U.S. militaries.

"shoulder-to-shoulder."

Upon completion, we then moved into the billets and work areas and conducted a thorough cleanup.

As I walked around talking to Soldiers, Sgt. 1st Class Charles Bacon, 196th Inf. Bde., said to me, "This is the Army I grew up in. Conducting police calls of the area, billet inspections ... things like that are how it used to be."

Next, I spoke to Staff Sgt. Eduardo Bayle, 9th Mission Support Command, and he too commented how he remembered the "good old days." He said he would conduct physical training, followed by a police call and barracks maintenance, and that he was glad we were do-

ing all of this.

Master Sgt. Nathan Grove, 196th Inf. Bde., commented that he was glad we are setting an example of what "right looks like" to our Philippine counterparts.

Hearing these comments made me proud of our Soldiers. They understand the importance of the little things.

Discipline is the most basic Soldier trait. The discipline to keep things neat and in order will prevent chaos from ensuing in all we do.

Sometimes, it takes an exercise in cleanup to bring the most basic of skills to the forefront.

It is easy to go back to basics if we never leave them. Basic skills of leadership,

setting the example, leading from the front, and respect, will go a long way to polishing those basic skills.

We are the most professional, well-trained and experienced Army in the world. As we continue, these partnership exercises throughout the Pacific, we need to constantly remind ourselves, our partners are looking to us to see what right looks like.

I am so proud every time a Philippine army noncommissioned officer or officer compliments one of our Soldiers on their professionalism.

I am excited to see our Army returning to the good old days and starting to get back to basics.

FOOTSTEPS in FAITH

Everything God gives to us, he intends for us to give to others

CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) STEPHEN BROADUS

Chaplain Resource Manager

Easter has passed, so what do we do now?

During Easter, we reflected upon what sacrificial giving is all about. We remembered what love encompasses. We also remembered what giving really means.

These qualities apply to everyone; however, what would the world be like if we could love and give like God?

People need to be more giving of themselves, more often.

If you have not noticed, it is not in our nature to be so giving. However, it is commanded in Scripture to love thy neighbor as yourself, but we seem to be

forgetting about our neighbors these days.

As we look back at Easter, we need to remember to give of ourselves and put others first.

Even in marriage, husbands are commanded to love their wives as Christ loved the church. God's example is not about self, but about others. As God loves us, we are to give that love away to others.

Everything God gives to us he intends for us to give to others.

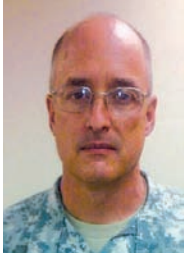
Sometimes, giving hurts. Yet, giving out of abundance does not require great

sacrifice. Instead, giving sometimes requires us to make adjustments in our lives, and it's what God requires of us, at times.

When was the last time you gave of yourself until you hurt? I ask that you seek an opportunity to set an example to those around you, to give of your time and or finances, in a way that requires a sacrifice.

I can recall, in my own life, when someone has given me financial support — even in his or her time of need. The appreciation I feel to this day is stained on my soul.

The world would be a different place



Broadus

if people would just love as it was meant to be.

I have told many young couples that to get love, you must give love. For some reason, this principle just does not always seem to register in their minds. They seem to think they are entitled to something before they have to give something.

This mentality of entitlement is also a reflection of our society. If God waited on us to love him, first, then the joy of Easter would not have happened.

May we learn to love.

Little by little, may we give of ourselves sacrificially.

Take Easter with you everyday and never forget God's message.

Voices of Ohana

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

What more can be done to prevent child abuse in the military?

Photos by 9th Mission Support Command Public Affairs



"Being part of the Army family requires everyone to look out for each other."

Maj. Stacy Goodman
9th MSC



"Child abuse should carry a more severe punishment for military members that are convicted of this horrible crime."

Bonnie Paiz
U.S. Army Reserve
Theater Support Group



"We need more parenting workshops to teach parents how to handle various situations in non-physical ways."

Sgt. Kristina Sapungay
U.S. Army Reserve
Theater Support Group



"No one should be fearful of reporting or intervening when they suspect a child is being abused."

Eric Senter
U.S. Army Reserve
Theater Support Group



"Educate yourself and others. Simple support for children can be the best way to prevent child abuse."

Lt. Col. Mark Woommavovah
JTF-HD, 9th MSC

RENDERING HONORS



Petty Officer 3rd Class Nina Hughes | Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM — A bagpiper plays “Amazing Grace” as Maj. Gen. Stephen Tom, commander, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, renders a salute during a remembrance ceremony, here, April 5. The ceremony honored the sacrifice of 16 U.S. and Vietnamese individuals who perished in a 2001 helicopter crash.

The helicopter, carrying seven U.S. and nine Vietnamese crew members and passengers, crashed into a mountainous area of Quang Binh while preparing for future recovery operations.

DEPLOYED FORCES

USF-Korea commander observes ‘Gimlet’ training

Story and Photo by
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RODRIGUEZ TRAINING RANGE, South Korea — Gen. James Thurman, commander, U.S. Forces-Korea, met with Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, “Gimlets,” 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, to observe their combined training with Republic of Korea army units as part of the Annual 2012 Foal Eagle exercise, here, April 12.

Thurman was accompanied by Maj. Gen. Yang Gu Lee, deputy chief of staff, Combined Forces Command-Korea.

The two generals received a tour and briefing on two distinct training events led by Gimlet leaders and Soldiers. They visited a U.S. and Republic of Korea army defensive training scenario and team live-fire training.

Following each training event, Thurman presented coins for excellence to Soldiers who were selected by their leadership for their outstanding performance.



Gen. James Thurman (middle), commander, USF-Korea, observes a team live-fire exercise conducted by Co. C, 1st Bn., 21st Inf. Regt., “Gimlets,” 2nd BCT, 25th ID, with Korean Maj. Gen. Yang Gu Lee (right), deputy chief of staff, Combined Forces Command-Korea, and Capt. Patty Ferriter, commander, Co. C, 1st Bn., 21st Inf. Regt., 2nd BCT, at Rodriguez Range, South Korea, April 12.

“Squads, platoons and companies are what make the difference,” Thurman said. “These training events are excellent opportunities to get our Soldiers and our partners on the terrain together to build confidence through combined team-building events.”

DEPLOYED FORCES



Loadmasters with the U.S. Air Force and Army work with air transportation specialists with the Air Force and Navy to load container delivery systems of water onto a C-27J Spartan aircraft, in preparation for an airdrop to support Special Operations Forces near Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan.

C-27J Spartan aircraft saves multimillions in mission costs

25th CAB closes out last mile with Chinook helicopters

Story and Photos by
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25th Infantry Division

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — With its smaller frame and dual turboprop engines, the C-27J Spartan aircraft may not look like much.

However, to Soldiers on the ground, here, the C-27J is a reliable method of receiving mission-essential supplies delivered over impassible terrain within hours of making a request.

Since starting operations in August 2011, two C-27J aircraft have been tactically controlled by the 159th and 25th combat aviation brigades.

Combined, they have performed 67 airdrops and delivered more than 277 container delivery systems containing vital supplies such as food, water, blood and ammunition to Special Operations Forces located in the unforgiving terrain of Afghanistan.

The 25th CAB, 25th Infantry Division, makes this support possible as a result of its solid understanding of Soldiers’ needs and its tactical control of the C-27J aircraft, which are operated by the 702nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron.

“The C-27J was chosen to provide a simple solution to U.S. Army fixed-wing aircraft and to provide operational and cost relief from the CH-47 Chinooks,” said Air Force Capt. Steffen Landrum, 702nd EAS liaison officer to the 25th CAB.

Maj. Craig Jayson, executive officer, 3rd Battalion, 25th Avn. Regiment, 25th CAB, said with the C-27J relieving his unit’s Chinooks, the unit has the opportunity to fly more missions to forward operating bases that the C-27J does not have access to.

“We can focus on picking up personnel and equipment that are lower priority and fulfill requests that are normally canceled due to lack of resources,” Jayson said. “Overall, the C-27J increases our flexibility and ability to support more customers in a single day.”

An increase in C-27J missions also decreases the costs associated with CH-47 missions, as well.

“The hourly operational cost of a re-supply mission using the Chinook is more than \$7,500 an hour for the CH-47D and \$9,000 an hour for the CH-47F,” Jayson said.

Based off Landrum’s calculations, the U.S. Army has saved \$30 million by conducting missions with the C-27J instead of the CH-47 Chinook. When it comes to relieving the CH-47 Chinook with fixed-wing assets, the C-27J seems to be the best choice over other fixed-wing options.

“The C-27J has all of the benefits of a fixed-wing aircraft, such as speed, altitude, payload capacity and range, yet also possesses the ability to conduct many mission sets similar to rotary winged cargo aircraft,” said Sgt. Maj. Ronald Graves, Operations sergeant major, 25th CAB.

Adding to the list of the C-27J’s benefits, Graves

said the aircraft can operate in adverse weather and with limited visibility. Also the C-27J can land on a 2,400-foot dirt strip as opposed to the 3,000 feet a C-130 Hercules requires.

Perhaps the biggest advantage the C-27J currently offers the Army is the fact it is tactically controlled by Col. Frank Tate, commander, 25th CAB.

The tactical control gives him the flexibility to provide immediate support to Soldiers on the battlefield. The last mile can be closed quickly when the movement is planned through the 25th CAB commander.

“While the U.S. Air Force standard mission tasking process requires 96 hours of notice, the C-27J has been time on target in less than 24 hours while operating under Army tactical control,” Landrum said. “For the troops out in the field, that is the ultimate flexibility.”

Not only can the C-27J deliver supplies as fast as a C-130, the cost savings are impressive too.

“So far, the C-27J has saved more than \$3.8 million when compared to a C-130,” Landrum said.

With the C-27J’s ability of rapid mission execution, from request to delivery, and its ability to move optimal amounts of mission critical supplies at a low operating cost, the C-27J provides a definite benefit to the Soldiers and their teams conducting critical operations across Afghanistan to ensure the fight is won.



A container delivery system of water rolls off the back of a C-27J Spartan aircraft in preparation for an airdrop to support Special Operations Forces near Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan.

Secretary of the Army discusses future of the force, Army profession

ANTHONY C. O’BRYANT
U.S. Army Training and
Doctrine Command

FORT EUSTIS, Va. — Secretary of the Army John McHugh traveled to U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command headquarters to receive briefings from TRADOC leaders on the Army profession, doctrine, leader development, and training and education, here, Friday.

Gen. Robert Cone, commander, TRADOC, began the briefing by discussing TRADOC’s ‘big three’ missions — supporting the current fight, structural transitions and human transitions — as the command works to transition the force to the Army of 2020.

“We are coming out of 10 years of warfare,” McHugh said. “We have a new national military strategy, and we need to take lessons learned, and measure our way ahead, and put that into doctrine and training programs in a way that positions us to take the best of the recent past, and build toward a better future.

And, all of that starts right here (at TRADOC),” McHugh said, citing the importance of TRADOC’s mission. “Throughout the history of the Army, our development of our training programs and our educational initiatives have always been important, but this is amongst the most important times in recent



Staff Sgt. Bernardo Fuller | Photographer to the Secretary of the Army

Secretary of the Army John McHugh, along with other Army leaders, watch a video presentation during a briefing at TRADOC to discuss how the future force will train to fight and win our nation’s wars, Friday, at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.

memory.”

Cone and Lt. Gen. David Perkins, commander, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., briefed McHugh on the latest initiatives underway to implement

changes identified with the Army Profession Campaign.

TRADOC released the Army Profession report earlier this month.

The report, according to Perkins, was the most comprehensive study of the profession ever conducted, gathering feedback from more than 40,000 surveys from Army personnel across all cohorts.

He compared the effort to a similar study in 1987 that only involved feedback from 400 officers.

The TRADOC-governed campaign was led by the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center and was designed to determine ways to identify and strengthen weaknesses in the profession, and to leverage its strengths.

“(The Army profession) is as old as the Army itself, and is built on certain core principles that have always set this Army apart from other militaries from across the planet and throughout history,” McHugh said.

He said he sees the Army at an inflection point, where it needs take its last 10 years of combat experience and use that to define the Army as a profession with the “guidance and the input from those great warriors who have been out there doing the hard fight.”

McHugh said he believes the Army needs

to re-establish and reaffirm the foundational principles that have always been important to the Army and embed them with new lessons.

“We find ourselves today with a force that is very rich in combat experience, and has demonstrated over 10 years that they certainly have the skills with soldiering and prevailing on the battlefield well in hand,” McHugh said.

“But, as I think Gen. Cone and his team here are helping us to do each and every day, we want to make sure that they have that full professional development and education. The schoolhouse is an important part of that, and this team (TRADOC) is working very hard, along with the Army leadership, to try and provide the means and the way forward to make that happen.”

McHugh ended his visit with a message to TRADOC expressing his appreciation for its role in the Army.

“I just want to say to the team here that this a critically important time for this mission. All of us in the Pentagon who depend upon them are very grateful for the effort they bring each and every day. And I think I can say for Soldiers — whether they know it or not — (they) benefit from the hard work that happens (at TRADOC), and we are all in great debt to them,” McHugh said. “Keep up the good work.”

JOINT LOAD EXERCISE



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Bell | U.S. Army-Pacific Public Affairs

BARBERS POINT — U.S. Coast Guard personnel and Soldiers with the U.S. Army-Pacific Contingency Command Post Humanitarian Assistance Survey Team prepare to load an Army trailer onto a U.S. Coast Guard C-130 during a load exercise, here, April 11.



U.S. Coast Guard personnel load a USARPAC CCP HAST power generator unit into a C-130 during a load exercise.



Petty Officer 2nd Class George Ferry, loadmaster, U.S. Coast Guard, familiarizes USARPAC CCP HAST Soldiers with aircraft tie-down components and procedures.



A USARPAC CCP HAST Soldier drives a humvee into position and onto a C-130 with help from a member of the U.S. Coast Guard, during a load exercise. The USARPAC CCP HAST is a rapidly deployable team that can be on the ground anywhere in the Pacific within 24 hours to determine how the U.S. military can best provide relief support after a disaster.

Veterans’ service-related documents are free through HRC

U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
Army News Service

FORT KNOX, Ky. — Army veterans who served on active duty or in the Army Reserve, and the family members of those veterans, are eligible to receive service-related documents for free through a number of official sources. Soldiers who separated in October 2002, or later, can submit a signed Standard Form 180, “Request Pertaining to Military Records,” to the U.S. Army Human Resources Command using one of the following methods:

- A signed request can be scanned and emailed to askhrc.army@us.army.mil.
- Mail signed forms to: U.S. Army Human

Resources Command
Attention: AHRC-PDR-V/Department 420
1600 Spearhead Division Ave
Fort Knox, KY 40122-5402.

- Soldiers who separated before October 2002 should submit a signed SF 180 to the National Archives and Records Administration’s National Personnel Records Center:
National Personnel Records Center
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, MO 63132-1002.
- Call the NPRC directly at 314-801-0800.

National Guard Soldiers are encouraged to contact their State Adjutant General. Contact information for each State National Guard Agen-

cy can be found at www.nationalguard.mil/resources/states.aspx. Veterans can also access their information directly through a joint partnership between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense known as eBenefits. For more information about eBenefits, visit www.ebenefits.va.gov. The Army HRC also provides veterans with services such as creating DD Form 215s, “Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty;” updating retirement points for Reserve component Soldiers; verifying veterans’ service for VA home loans; and providing statements of service for veterans employment ver-

ification. Call the HRC directly by calling (888) 276-9472. Many “for profit” third-party commercial businesses are charging for the services described above, often advertising that they can expedite processing or delivery times for documents. These claims are false because no increased levels of service or access to veteran records are provided to these commercial entities. By requesting these documents directly through the government agencies listed, this method eliminates the middleman, and saves service members time and money.

News Briefs

Send announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

28 / Saturday

“**Battleship**” — A free, advance screening of the movie, “Battleship,” is 6 p.m., April 28, Sharkey Theater, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The ticket booth will open at 4 p.m. to distribute 400 tickets on a first-come, first-served basis. Active duty members in uniform, their families, and authorized patrons are welcome. Military uniform is the short-sleeved equivalent for all services and ranks. The movie opens nationwide May 18. Visit www.greatlifeohawaii.com.

National Take Back Day — Turn in unused or expired medication for safe, anonymous disposal on National Take Back Initiative Day, April 28.

The military community can dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs at three locations, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.:

- Exchange (inside, near the flower shop), Schofield Barracks;
- Marine Corps Exchange (front), Kaneohe Bay; and
- Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Exchange (main lobby).

The off-post population can also participate in National Prescription Take Back Day at four locations on Oahu, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.:

- Mililani Town Center (bandstand), 95-1249 Meheula Pkwy.;
- Hawaii State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania St., Honolulu;
- Kapolei Police Station (parking lot), 1100 Kamokila Blvd.; and
- Windward Mall (center court area), 46-056 Kamehameha Hwy, Kaneohe. Call 541-1930 or visit www.dea.gov.

May

3 / Thursday

Motorcycle Ride — Riders are invited to join

the Rolling Steel Thunder II Motorcycle Ride, sponsored by 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, 7 a.m.-2 p.m., May 3. The ride begins at Bowen Medal of Honor Park on Lyman Road, Schofield Barracks, travels around the island and ends at Schofield Barracks. The event is open to all riders who have access to Schofield Barracks. RSVP to johnny.lunn@us.army.mil or call 265-9460.

9/ Wednesday

Religious Support Office Closures — The following Religious Support Operation Offices will be closed, May 9-11, for the Chaplains’ annual sustainment training:

- Garrison Chaplain’s Office, Schofield Barracks; Resources Management Office, Schofield Barracks; Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel; Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks, and Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel.

In case of an emergency, call the on-call duty chaplain at 217-5959.

19 / Saturday

Living History Day — The U.S. Army Mu-

seum of Hawaii, Fort DeRussy, Waikiki, will commemorate Armed Forces Day, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., May 19. Events include military memorabilia; re-enactors in period uniforms from the Civil War, the Spanish-American War and Vietnam; and hands-on displays of military artifacts. Call 438-2822.

June

1 / Friday

Road Closures — Starting June 1 through December, work will begin on sections of Macomb/Austin Road and 7th Street, Schofield Barracks. The south section of Macomb Road, as well as Chamberlain Road will be closed. 7th Street will be one-way down to Wisser. Two-way traffic will commence over Artillery Hill onto Parks and Macomb roads. Motorists are advised to expect delays and use caution while driving through these affected work areas. Call 438-1238.

Chamber: Local businesses offer discounts for armed service members

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presentation will feature top military band members from the 25th Infantry Division’s Tropic Lightning Band, U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, Marine Forces Pacific Band, Pacific Air Forces Band, and the Hawaii Army National Guard’s 111th Army Band.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Local business leaders will host the Military Recognition Luncheon, noon-1:30 p.m., May 10, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel’s Coral Ballroom. The luncheon will feature the recognition of seven military leaders from the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Hawaii National Guard, and the U.S. Pacific Command for their outstanding contributions in local community service. Some of Hawaii’s high school seniors who were selected to attend the service academies will also be recognized.

This year’s grand finale will be a Military



Appreciation Day, 9 a.m.- 2:30 p.m., May 19, at the Honolulu Zoo. The City and County of Honolulu will offer military families free admission to the Honolulu Zoo where corporate sponsors will provide free food, beverages and entertainment.

Hawaii’s visitor attractions, hotels, restaurants, shopping malls, retailers, auto dealers, and other businesses will be treating the military to a variety of specials throughout the month.

Military Specials

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii will be posting discounts and specials for service members and their families offered by local businesses on their website. Visit and search under the “Military Affairs” section.

- www.cochawaii.org.

jects and programs, noon–1:30 p.m., May 10, Hilton Hawaiian Village. Keynote speaker, Lt. Gen. Francis Wiercinski, commander, U.S. Army-Pacific, will speak about Hawaii’s 25th Infantry Division. Visit www.cochawaii.org.

Armed Forces Day at the Honolulu Zoo — The Honolulu Zoo will host a free day at the zoo for all military ID cardholders, including retirees and National Guardsmen and their spouses, 9:30 a.m.–2 p.m., May 19. One ID cardholder can bring the whole family. Entrance located at the Monsarrat Gate. Special activities and free shuttle service available from each base. Visit www.honolulu-zoo.org.

Living History Day — Commemorating Armed Forces Day, this free event includes military memorabilia, war period re-enactors and hands-on artifact displays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., May 19, U.S. Army Museum, Fort DeRussy, Waikiki.

Polo — The Army will play the Navy, noon, May 27, Mokuleia Polo Field.

8th STB: Safety is ‘No. 1 priority’

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absolutely paramount that we do everything safely and conduct ourselves with awareness.”

The day’s topics included suicide awareness and prevention, outdoor recreation and water safety, motorcycle safety and awareness, and hearing safety and conservation. Audiology staff fitted Soldiers with the latest hearing protection.

“It’s critical that everyone come to these events,” Tashma said. “I know a lot of people say that they have had this training before, but reminders and refresher training are invaluable.”

Although this is an annual training requirement, Tashma, like other Army leaders, believes it is a year-round task that Soldiers and the command must focus on constantly.

“We have a dedicated safety stand down at least once a year, but we have periodic safety training throughout the year, as well,” Tashma said. “We will hit an important, prevalent topic once a quarter.

“Safety is our No. 1 priority,” she concluded. “The Soldiers are the most important of our Army and this unit. We will continue to make a dedicated effort to keeping each and every one of them safe while on duty and off.”



Maj. Dan Ohama (left), Hearing Program manager, TAMC, ensures Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mary Harp, property book officer, 8th TSC, is wearing the proper size of ear plugs during the 8th STB’s Annual Safety Stand Down Day, April 19, in the U.S. Army Reserve Center’s Assembly Hall, Fort Shafter Flats.

JVEF: Grants improve learning

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families and to facilitate educational support for military-connected public schools within the Hawaii public school system.

The grants will provide increased learning opportunities for students.

JVEF is a cooperative venture between the U.S. Pacific Command and the Hawaii Department of Education.

This partnership promotes interaction between the military community and state educators where issues of importance to the military and the public school system can be raised and resolved together.

This forum strives to provide positive learning environments and high-quality educational opportunities for Hawaii’s children.



JVEF

To learn more about JVEF, call PACOM Public Affairs at 477-1341 or email questions to:

- publicaffairs.pacom@navy.mil.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE



Photos by Spc. John Martinez | Office of the Secretary of the Army

WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Army John McHugh shakes the hand of Holocaust survivor Charlene Schiff at the Department of Defense Holocaust Remembrance Day Observance, here, April 19.

National Days of Remembrance

National Days of Remembrance is observed from April 15-22. During this week, the Army remembers not only the millions of victims and survivors of the Holocaust, but also the heroes whose actions saved incalculable lives.

Less than 70 years ago, witnesses to the atrocities of Nazi-occupied Europe were faced with the choice of stopping the persecution of their neighbors and fellow countrymen or standing by in acquiescent silence.

Unfortunately, fearing for their own lives, many people opted for the latter.

However, some remarkable individuals chose action over fear, courageously standing up to tyranny and hatred.

The Army remembers heroes, like the villagers of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, France, who hid 5,000 Jews and guided many of them across the Swiss border to safety.

The Army remembers the Danish resistance fighters who ferried almost all of Denmark’s Jews out of harm’s way and into Sweden. The Army remembers the American Soldiers who liberated the Nazi concentration camps and bore witness to the horrors that many would try to deny.

Many stories of rescue belong to individuals whose names were never recorded by history — such as the government official who forged identity papers, the families who hid Jewish friends in their attics and basements, and the nuns who offered a safe haven to Jewish children.

Army leadership has asked the entire Army family to honor the courage of those individuals who chose to take a stand against persecution by rejecting all forms of prejudice and bigotry.

Leadership has also asked us to remain vigilant against the



From left to right, Holocaust survivor Charlene Schiff, Secretary of the Navy Raymond Mabu, Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak, Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, Secretary of the Army John McHugh, and Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, light candles at the DOD Holocaust Remembrance Day Observance, April 19.

threat of genocide and to let us honor both those who perished and those who quietly triumphed over oppression by letting our actions illustrate tolerance and respect for all people.

The Army pays tribute to the victims and survivors of the Holocaust by telling their stories.

As an Army, everyone must reject all forms of prejudice, bigotry and hatred to remain strong.

(Editor’s Note: Information complied from Army news releases.)

Tripler Army Medical Center honors victims, rescues of Holocaust

STEPHANIE BRYANT
Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs

HONOLULU — Staff from Tripler Army Medical Center gathered in Kyser Auditorium, here, to reflect on the events of the Holocaust, April 19.

The Holocaust Day of Observance is honored nationwide and is a time for people to reflect and remember the six million people who lost their lives. The 2012 theme is “Choosing to Act: Stories of Rescue.”

“Unto Every Person there is a Name,” a poem by Zelda Mishkovsky, an Israeli poet, was used for the ceremony. Holocaust Remembrance Day organizers have used the poem for decades in ceremonies of remembrance. Names of Holocaust victims and where and when they were born and died are read aloud during the ceremonies.

When organizing the event, Pacific Regional Medical Command’s Equal Opportunity office included the name reading in conjunction with a traditional candle lighting ceremony. Six candles

were lit, each one symbolizing one million souls that were destroyed during the Holocaust.

Dr. Alan Rosenfeld, an associate professor of history, University of Hawaii at West Oahu, and guest speaker for the event, spoke about the rescues of Jews in Denmark during World War II and compared hospitals in Germany to Tripler.

One anecdote Rosenfeld told was how many Jews were intentionally sent to hospitals as they were snuck out of Denmark and admitted using false, pure Danish names.

“Nurses gave up their hospital dorm rooms to strangers in need,” Rosenfeld explained. “They slept in the kitchen or stayed up all night as the Nazi (secret police) surrounded the hospital. The next morning the patients were snuck out past the (police) in a bogus funeral procession.

“Let us keep in mind this beam of light in a sea of darkness as we honor the millions of holocaust victims whose lives were cut short.”

“Tripler Army Medical Center played a critical

role in (World War II), as the men and woman of Tripler went above and beyond the call of duty to save lives of American Soldiers and civilians on the morning of December 7, 1941,” Rosenfeld said. “Unfortunately, under Nazi leadership hospitals were transformed from houses of rescue to houses of slaughter in the name of racial science.”

Rosenfeld described the T4 Program and how Nazi’s made life and death decisions for individuals based on racial value and, what they called, hereditary defects.

“Two-hundred thousand human beings, including countless children, were disposed of through this program without their consent or without the consent or knowledge of their families,” Rosenfeld said.

The day of remembrance means a great deal to people of Jewish heritage. Rosenfeld is one of them.

“As a Jew I feel responsible; responsible to be a student of the Holocaust to learn from the mistakes

of our past and share knowledge of this catastrophic occurrence of barbarism,” he explained. “As an American I feel appreciative; appreciative that this country opened its doors and welcomed my ancestors. As a father, I feel determined; determined to do my share to ensure that this heinous chapter of our history never repeats itself.”

Brig. Gen. Keith Gallagher, commander, Pacific Regional Medical Command and TAMC, reinforced to his staff the need to embrace each other’s differences and the diversity of the Army.

“We have got to learn about one another and respect each other’s diversity,” Gallagher said. “We have to treat each other with dignity and respect.”

Days of Remembrance
For more information about the Holocaust and Days of Remembrance, visit:
• www.ushmm.org.

TACKLING THE TRASH

Volunteers roll up sleeves to remove stream rubbish

Story and Photos by
STEFANIE GARDIN

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs

WAIPAHU — Two bicycles, one shopping cart, a carburetor, a TV and the front seat of a car were just a few of the "finds" discovered by Army volunteers at an Earth Month Cleanup, here, April 21.

Fourteen volunteers from the 9th Mission Support Command, the U.S. Army Reserve Theater Support Group and U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii gave up their Saturday morning to give back to the community at the Pearl Harbor Bike Path Cleanup along Kapakahi Stream near Waipahu Depot Road.

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Environmental Services has been organizing this annual cleanup for six years, and this is the fifth year the Army has lent a hand.

"A lot of our Soldiers live out here, and they and their families use the bike path," said Marybeth Racette, recycling manager, Environmental Division, USAR TSG. "We wanted to get involved with the community and not just do something on base."

Marybeth and coworker Amanda Barbier initiated Army support to the stream cleanup in 1995 as a 9th MSC effort, and now other Army units are joining in the dirty work.

Several of the volunteers — newbies and veterans alike — were surprised by what was waiting: Instead instead of a lush, tropical setting, they found a stream so clogged with trash, that at some points even the water wasn't visible.

"Oh my gosh, it's just the amount there in the stream. I wasn't expecting that," said Kim DeCaprio, environmental specialist, Env. Div., Directorate of Public Works, USAG-HI.

"It was smellier than I thought it would be," added first-time volunteer Chief Warrant Officer Kevin McSally, legal administrator, 9th MSC.

McSally volunteered because he thought it would be fun to do something with the unit and also because he thought it was a good cause.

In just over two hours, he and fellow volunteers raked, netted and shoveled more than 60 garbage bags full of trash out of the stream.

"It was nice to see the change," McSally said.

During this year's cleanup, volunteers from multiple community organizations and businesses tackled the trash at five different sites along the Pearl Harbor bike path.

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Environmental Services provided gloves, trash bags and tools. Another cleanup is planned for the fall.

BEFORE



Maj. John Colburn (left) and Chief Warrant Officer Kevin McSally, both of the 9th MSC, haul a shopping cart from Kapakahi Stream in Waipahu.



AFTER

Army volunteers removed all trash from the Kapakahi Stream during the Pearl Harbor Bike Path Cleanup, April 21.



Marybeth Racette, USAR TSG, drags a bicycle from Kapakahi Stream, April 21. Racette and 13 other Army volunteers donated their time to beautify the community. Together they filled more than 60 bags' worth of trash from the stream.



Fernando Badua, 9th MSC, perfects his trash-raking technique at the Pearl Harbor Bike Path Cleanup, April 21.

USAG-HI pursues Tree City USA

ISLAND PALM COMMUNITIES
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The first step toward receiving Tree City USA recognition for four Oahu Army installations was completed with the planting of Native Hawaiian trees on Fort Shafter, Aliamanu Military Reservation, Wheeler Army Air Field and Helemano Military Reservation, April 20.

"Pursuing Tree City USA status sends a strong message to our families and the community that Island Palm Communities and the Army are committed to preserving our natural environment in the communities we live and work in," said Mark Frey, project director, IPC. "Our team was successful in attaining Tree City USA for Schofield Barracks in 2010, so we're looking forward to working together again to achieve national recognition for our other installations."

Maj. Gen. William Beard, deputy commander, U.S. Army Reserves, U.S. Army-Pacific, helped kick off the event at Fort Shafter with an official reading of the Tree City USA proclamation. Beard was joined by IPC leadership, staff and residents.

IPC subcontractors, LLS and Mainscapes, donated trees and landscaping services for tree plantings taking place throughout the day.

Under the leadership of Capt. Neal McDonald, commander, 307th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, 311th Signal Sig. Command, more than 30 Soldiers helped plant trees that will bring HMR closer to receiving national recognition.

Precise guidelines must be met, not only to attain Tree City USA status, but also to maintain its designation, as well.

A tree board was established in 2009 to ensure USAG-HI and IPC abide by its tree plan, which includes the care of trees throughout its installations.

The organization also oversees an annual tree planting held each Arbor Day.

Earth Day Festival

Celebrate Earth Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., April 28, Fort Shafter Flats, with exhibits, activities and live entertainment. The first 500 keiki to complete the Earth Day Passport Challenge will get a commemorative pair of sunglasses made from recycled plastic.

Exhibitors include the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Coral Reef Initiative, and the USAG-HI Native Hawaiian Liaison and more.

For more information visit
• www.IslandPalmCommunities.com



First Sgt. Mathew Baker (left), and Capt. Neal McDonald, commander, 307th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, 311th Sig. Command, steady a Native Hawaiian tree for planting by unit Soldiers, at Helemano Military Reservation, April 20.



Today
Friday Night Entertainment Series — See new acts, each week, at 8 p.m., Kolekole Bar and Grill, Schofield Barracks. Pau hana specials run before the show. Call 655-4466.
•1st Friday is Comedy Night (for mature audiences only).
•2nd Friday is live bands.
•3rd Friday is Colby Benson Band.
•4th Friday is Taking Care of Business Band.

Hawaii Luau Lunch Buffet — Every last Friday of the month, enjoy the Hawaiian Luau Lunch buffet at Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter or Kolekole Bar and Grill, Schofield Barracks for \$12.95 per person. Call 438-1974 for the Hale Ikena or 655-0660 for Kolekole Bar and Grill.

28 / Saturday
Adult Book Club @ Fort Shafter Library — Join the lively discussion of “State of Wonder” by Ann Patchett at the next book club meeting, 3:30-5 p.m., April 28, at the Fort Shafter Library. Call 438-9521.

Saturday Night Spotlight — Mark your calendars; the Saturday Night Spotlight’s schedule is set at Kolekole Bar and Grill, Schofield Barracks:
1st Saturday, Old School Soul Night with deejay Bennie James.
2nd Saturday; Country Night (guest starring Nashville Waikiki’s deejay).
3rd Saturday; Hip-Hop/R&B Night.
4th Saturday;Karaoke Night.
5th Saturday; Jazz Night.

30 / Monday
Free Hula Classes — The Native Hawaiian Liaison Office, USAG-HI, conducts free hula classes for Soldiers and families.
Beginner classes are 5-6 p.m.; advanced classes are 6-7 p.m. Call 655-9694 or email nhliaison@gmail.com.
Class dates follow:
•Mondays, Kalakaua Community Center, Schofield Barracks.
•Tuesdays, AMR Community Center.

May
1 / Tuesday
PT at Richardson Pool — This pool will reopen May 1. Active duty Army units can reserve the pool or

portions from 6-9 a.m. for unit physical training only.
Units must provide Red Cross-certified lifeguards based on the type of training and the number of Soldiers attending.
Reservation forms must be completed and submitted to Richardson Pool for approval no less than two weeks before the training date.
The pool is not available for use on the first Tuesday of the month. Call 655-9698/1128 or email babette.b.hendry.naf@mail.mil.
TAMC Pool Swim Classes — Next scheduled registration until filled for “Learn to Swim” is May 1-5 at the TAMC Pool. Visit himwr.com.

Nine-Ball Pool Tournament — Join this weekly competition Tuesdays; game starts at 6 p.m., Tropics Warrior Zone, Schofield Barracks.
It’s free to play; call 655-5698 to sign up.

2 / Wednesday
Keiki Night — Every Wednesday night, kids under the age of 10 can eat from the keiki menu for \$1.99, from 5-8 p.m., at the Kolekole Bar and Grill, Schofield Barracks or at Mulligan’s Bar and Grill, Fort Shafter. Call 655-0660 for Kolekole Bar and Grill; 438-6712 for Mulligan’s Bar and Grill.

5 / Saturday
Ladies Golf Clinic — Leilehua Golf Course holds a free ladies golf clinic, 1:30-3 p.m., every first Saturday of the month. Call 655-4653.

Richardson Pool Swim Classes — Next scheduled registration until filled for “Learn to Swim” classes is 9:30 a.m., May 5-6, at Richardson Pool, Schofield Barracks.

2 / Wednesday
BOSS Meetings — Single Soldiers and geographic bachelors are invited to attend Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, or BOSS, meetings. Call 655-1130. Upcoming meetings are:
•South community, 3 p.m., May 2 and 16, Tropics Warrior Zone, Schofield Barracks.
•North community, 10 a.m., May 9 and 16, AMR Chapel.
Call 655-1130.

Texas Hold ‘em —Test your poker playing skills 6 p.m., May 2, at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter. Enjoy food and beverage specials while playing for prizes. Call 438-1974.

Teen Wednesdays — From 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Teens ages 13-19 can cosmic bowl for \$2, 2-4 p.m., every Wednesday! Shoes are free with a two-game minimum. Call 656-1745.

3 / Thursday
Tropical Thursdays — Play

Hawaii Ceremony will take place 6 p.m., May 28, at Ala Moana Beach Park. More than 3,000 candlelit lanterns bearing individual and community remembrances and prayers will illuminate the ocean off of Magic Island at Ala Moana Beach Park.

May
1 / Tuesday
Army Ten-Miler — Priority registration for this annual event, to be held Oct. 21 in Washington, D.C, opens May 1 on a first-come, first-served basis for all U.S. service members and runners who have participated in at least seven or more Army Ten-Miler races. About one-third of the total 30,000 entries will be reserved for priority registration. Military service members must use a .mil email address to register.
Starting May 15, the remaining two-thirds of the race entries will be available to the general public, on a first-come, first-served basis.
Visit www.armytenmiler.com to verify priority registration qualification and to register.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day — RSVP by May 1 to attend this free event, 3-5 p.m., May 9, on the lanai at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter. Guest speaker is Jeannine Wiercinski, spouse of Lt. Gen. Francis Wiercinski, commander, USARPAC. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to michelle.r.dewberry2.civ@mail.mil

Calendar abbreviations
8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command
25th ID: 25th Infantry Division
ACS: Army Community Service
AFAP: Army Family Action Plan

AFTB: Army Family Team Building
AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation
BCT: Brigade Combat Team
BSB: Brigade Support Battalion
Co.: Company
CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services

DIRTY WORK

Kayla Overton | U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Gregory Sengsy, Hale Kula Elementary 5th-grade student, digs out composting worms during a student-led tour of Hale Kula Elementary’s Saving Your Nation’s Energy, or SYNERGY, Outdoor Classroom, here, April 18. Student-led tours showcased the outdoor classroom, which features a rainwater harvesting system, native plant gardens and the Hale Kula Gardening Club’s working garden.

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii and Island Palm Communities partnered to build and fund the outdoor classroom. The Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division, drafted the design and funded the cistern. The design of the cistern, which falls under USAG-HI’s Clean Water Act Management program, demonstrates sustainable landscape management and meets Installation Management Command’s water and energy efficiency goals and also achieves permit compliance with the State of Hawaii.

Texas Hold’em at the Tropics, Schofield Barracks, at 6 p.m. All ID cardholders 18 and older are welcome; it’s free with no buy in. Call 655-5698.

4 / Friday
Right Arm Night — Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at this event, 4-8 p.m., May 4, Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. Enjoy a taco bar buffet and drink specials. Spouses and civilians are welcome.
Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$8 at the door. Call 655-4466.

5 / Saturday
Ladies Golf Clinic— Every first

Saturday of the month Leilehua Golf Course holds a free ladies golf clinic 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m. Call 655-4653.

13 / Sunday
Mother’s Day Brunch at the Clubs — Celebrate Mom with Sunday brunch at Hale Ikena at Fort Shafter or the Nehelani at Schofield Barracks.
Reservations are required. Call 438-1974 for Hale Ikena or 655-4466 for Nehelani for seating times.

Free Bowling for Mom — Mom
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or call 438-6126/9285.

Ongoing
Food for Families — The Armed Services YMCA at WAAF has an emergency food locker that assists military families experiencing financial difficulty. Available are supplies of canned goods, frozen food, dry goods and personal care items. Donations are always accepted. Call 624-5645.

Operation Kid Comfort — This local quilting group creates comfort quilts and pillows for children of deployed service members. Call 473-3398 or email PearlHarbor@asymc.ahi.org.

RAP Meeting — Get involved in your community by attending your community’s Resident Advisory Panel. IPC’s residents can develop and strengthen their relationships with property management and fellow residents through the RAP. Contact your community manager for details and volunteer opportunities. Visit www.IslandPalmCommunities.com.

Hui Thrift Shop — The Hui Thrift Shop at Schofield Barracks offers great bargains and a chance to volunteer.
Located at 2107 Ulrich Way, behind Army Community Service, the shop is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the first and

third Saturday of the month.
Consignment hours are 9-11 a.m. Call 624-3254 or email huithriftshopliaison@gmail.com. Visit www.schofieldspousesclub.com or search for “hui-thrift-shop” on Facebook.

Making the Grade — Students can cash in on the Exchange’s “You Made the Grade” program, which recognizes above-average academic achievement. Qualifying students will receive a coupon booklet that includes free admission to an Exchange
Reel Time Theater, as well as other coupons. Students must present a valid military ID and proof of an overall “B” or better average to their local Exchange.

Parent Participation Preschool — This program is for children ages 3-4, and it helps preschool children make a smooth transition into the structure of kindergarten. Preschool days are 12-2 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Wheeler Armed Services YMCA, WAAF. Cost is \$40 per month. Call 624-5645.

Recycling Bin — Fort Shafter Elementary invites the community to use its recycling bin in front of the school, as all monetary pro-

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worship Services
Additional religious services, children’s programs, educational services and contact information can be found at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil. (Click on “Religious Support Office” under the “Directorates and Support Staff” menu.)
AMR: Aliamanu Chapel
FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
HMR: Helemano Chapel
MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor
SC: Soldiers’ Chapel, Schofield Barracks
TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel
WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

Buddhist Services
•First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD
•Fourth Sunday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex

Catholic Mass
•Thursday, 9 a.m. at AMR
•Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC, WAAF
•Sunday services:
- 8:30 a.m. at AMR
-10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex
-11 a.m. at TAMC
•Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. at MPC and 12 p.m.TAMC

Gospel Worship
•Sunday, noon. at MPC
•Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

Islamic Prayers and Study
•Friday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex
•Friday, 2:30 p.m., TAMC
•Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.; 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at MPC Annex

Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)
•Monday, 6 p.m. at PH (Bible Study)
•Friday, 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, 8:15 a.m. at PH

Pagan (Wicca)
•Friday, 7 p.m. at MPC Annex

Protestant Worship
•Sunday Services
-9 a.m. at FD, MPC and TAMC chapels
-9 a.m. at WAAF chapel, Lutheran/Episcopalian
-10 a.m. at HMR
-10:30 a.m. at AMR

Single Soldiers’ Bible Study
•Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. at SC; lunch is provided.

Worship Service
•Sunday, 6 p.m. at SC.



Call 624-2585 for movie listings or go to aaes.com under realtime movie listing.



Project X
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Fri., April 27, 7 p.m.

Dr. Seuss’ The Lorax
(PG)
Sat, April 28, 4 p.m.

John Carter
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Sat., April 28, 7 p.m.
Sun., April 29, 2 p.m.
Wed., May 2, 7 p.m.

A Thousand Words
(PG-13)
Thurs., May 3, 7 p.m.

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.

AFTB: Army Family Team Building
AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation
BCT: Brigade Combat Team
BSB: Brigade Support Battalion
Co.: Company
CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services
EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program
FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation
FRG: family readiness group
HMR: Helemano Military Reservation
IPC: Island Palm Communities
SKIES: Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills
TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center
USAG-HI: U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii
USARPAC: U.S. Army-Pacific
WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield

USAG-HI celebrates volunteers at annual ceremony

Story and Photos by
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation’s Army Community Service hosted the 2012 Installation Volunteer Ceremony at the Nehelani, here, April 19.

Each year, during National Volunteer Week, military communities around the world take time to honor their volunteers.

In 2011, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii volunteers offered time and commitments worth more than \$4.43 million, as estimated by independent sector quotes about the average value of a volunteer hour.

Each year, the people of ACS and the installation devote thousands of man-hours holding and staging events and activities for the Army-Hawaii community. This awards ceremony recognized the people who live a life of service to others, both inside and outside USAG-HI’s gates.

This year’s theme was “Volunteers: The Force Behind the Force.”

Volunteers received awards in eight categories, including Soldier Volunteer of the Year; Spouse Volunteer of the Year; Youth/Young Adult Volunteer of the Year; Civilian Volunteer of the Year; Family Volunteer of the Year; Re-



tiree Volunteer of the Year; Purple Volunteer of the Year, for volunteers from sister services like the American Red Cross; and the Volunteer Ambassador of the Year, for those who go the extra mile to extend their volunteer partnership outside the installation’s gates.

Each brigade, community and volunteer agency was asked to submit one volunteer for each category, bringing 59 nominations to the table this year. Nominees received certificates for their selfless sacrifice and valuable volunteer service.

“If I can touch one Soldier and let them know there is still hope for them, then I have done my job,” said Jessica Lockhart, volunteer at the Soldier Family Assistance Center and Spouse Volunteer of the Year. “Volunteering my time to these wounded warriors is better than any pay check I could earn at the end of

the week.”

“It’s a real honor, and I am very humbled that someone felt I deserved to be recognized,” said Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Malone, U.S. Army Replacement Detachment, U.S. Army-Pacific, who received the Soldier Volunteer of the Year award. “I volunteer because it’s the right thing to do, and volunteering goes hand in hand with the Army’s values.”

This past year, Hawaii-Army volunteers numbered 1,762, and they logged 207,493 volunteer hours.

“Each of you here tonight are truly ‘the force,’ and you have contributed your time and talents to help build our strong communities, both on and off post, and improved the quality of life for our Soldiers and their families,” said Maj. Gen. Gary Beard, commander, U.S. Army Reserves, USARPAC, during his remarks.

“Please know it would be difficult, if not impossible, for our many Army family programs to offer the variety and quality services that they provide without our dedicated volunteers.”

- Exemplary Volunteers**
- Family:* The Lesh Family
 - Civilian:* Deborah Albu
 - Youth/Young Adult:* Chali Alexis Hindbaugh
 - Retiree:* Florence Gordon (not pictured)
 - Purple:* Senior Airman Steven Montgomery, 647th Civil Engineer Squadron, U.S. Airforce
 - Volunteer Ambassador:* Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Malone (not pictured)
 - Spouse:* Jessica Lockhart
 - Soldier:* 1st Sgt. Raymond Myers

QUARTERLY RECOGNITION



Sgt. Gaelen Lowers | 8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — Maj. Gen Michael J. Terry, commander, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, and his wife, Cathy (far right) pose with winners and nominees of the 8th TSC’s Volunteer of the Quarter for the first quarter. From left to right, winners and nominees are: Shannon Kalili, family readiness support assistant, 84th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, who accepted the award for adult category winner; Anita Craig, spouse, 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde.; Valerie Thomas, who accepted the adult category nomination on behalf of her husband, Maj. Demetrick Thomas, secretary of the general’s staff; MarQuita Hickson, 45th Sustainment Bde., adult category nominee; Synai Hickson, youth category winner, 45th Sust. Bde.; and Sabine Edmondson, spouse and adult category nominee, 8th Military Police Bde.

Observance honors military kids’ resiliency

ARMY NEWS SERVICE
News Release

SAN ANTONIO — This month, U.S. military installations around the globe have been recognizing the contributions and sacrifices that service members’ sons and daughters make daily.

April is the Month of the Military Child, or MOMC, and is being celebrated with a theme of “Celebrate Military Children: The Strength of our Future” on Army garrisons worldwide.

More than 1.7 million children under the age of 18 have at least one parent serving in the armed forces.

And, it is estimated that more than 900,000 children have had one or both parents deployed multiple times.

Accordingly, garrison-level Child, Youth and School Services programs have been holding special events to honor Soldiers’ children.

These events have stressed the importance of providing children with quality services and support promised them through the Army Family Covenant, according to Installation Management Command officials.

Installations of all services have been honoring military children by providing a month packed with special activities to acknowledge the unique contributions children make.

To honor its military keiki, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii has held a series of bowling contests, especially designed for kids. plus other events.

MOMC, first held in 1986, reinforces to military children that they are, indeed, a key part of the armed forces community.



Photos by Jack Wiers | U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — More than 200 attentive and engaged youngsters jointheir active duty SOLDIER parents for a child-sized physical training exercise hour, Tuesday, at the annual “PT in the Gym” event, at Fort Shafter, April 24. DFMWR officials say more than 200 children. The annual event featured exercise, dancing, games and a healthy snack breakfast afterward.



Spc. Vararie Booker (left) and Sgt. 1st Class Roselyn Avegalio, both of 8th Special Troops Battalion, 4th Sustainment Brigade, 8th Theater Sust. Command, pose with Avegalio’s daughter, Keilani, 6, after the “PT in the Gym,” at Fort Shafter, April 24.

Families benefit from donation

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Last year was an exceptional year for U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s Blue Star Card Program, managed by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

At one point, more than 2,000 families of deployed Soldiers were participating in the program. Record high enrollment demanded more programs than ever, so more than 50 events and activities were offered to keep families happy, healthy and occupied during their loved one’s deployment.

A majority of the Blue Star Card’s initiatives were made possible by a generous donation from the Fisher House Foundation. Along with Fort Campbell, Ky., and Fort Stewart, Ga., USAG-HI received \$50,000 to support families of deployed Soldiers.

After consulting with units, commanders, senior spouses and family readiness groups — to learn how families would like the funds used, Blue Star Card Program coordinators planned family activities. Some of the events included ice skating, magic shows, luaus, a spring break trip for teens to Wet ‘n’ Wild Hawaii, and multiple trips to the Waikiki Aquarium.

One of the most appreciated uses of the donation was Super Saturday Child Care. Held four times on Schofield and twice on Fort Shafter, full-day child care was provided, completely free of charge, for children of Blue Star Card holders between the ages of 6 weeks and 12 years of age, giving parents a much-needed break. Through the donation, care for more than 700 children was provided at no cost to families.

Other initiatives made possible included free tickets at the Fourth of July Spectacular; prepaid flat-rate shipping boxes; free keiki meals during Month of the Military Child observances at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter, and the Nehelani, here; 5K discounts; and free movie passes. Remaining funds are currently being used to provide child care at BSC events.

The Fisher House donation has impacted nearly 4,000 families during deployment and made an immeasurable impact on the Blue Star Card organization.

Fisher House

The Fisher House Foundation builds and then donates “comfort houses.” Families of military personnel can stay in a Fisher House during a loved one’s hospitalization in major military installations and in Veterans Affairs medical centers, like the one at Tripler Army Medical Center.



Photo courtesy Directorate of Family and Morale; Welfare and Recreation; U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Families rest under the Blue Star Card Program Tent sponsored at the 2011 Fourth of July Spectacular, Schofield Barracks. BSC families were treated to free tickets for games, rides and food, courtesy of the Fisher House donation.

Activities for keiki
For keiki-friendly events, visit
• www.hmwr.com



JROTC Cadets Matthew Wong (right) and Byron Constantino, McKinley High School, conduct a sword demonstration during the 30th annual Governor’s JROTC Review and Awards ceremony at Palm Circle, Fort Shafter, April 19. They will go on to compete in the national competition in Daytona, Fla., in May.



JROTC Cadet Maj. Justine Unpingco (right), Nanakuli High School, and platoon leaders and flag bearers of 26 other high schools lead representatives of their high school at the 30th annual Governor’s JROTC Review and Awards Ceremony at Palm Circle, Fort Shafter, April 19.

Governor honors Hawaii JROTC Cadets at ceremony

Story and Photos by
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FORT SHAFTER — Hawaii’s top JROTC cadets were honored during the annual Governor’s JROTC Awards Ceremony and Review at Palm Circle, here, April 19.

More than 800 cadets representing 26 schools participated in the event, which was hosted by Maj. Gen. William Beard, deputy commander, U.S. Army Reserves, U.S. Army- Pacific, and Governor Neil Abercrombie.

“The ROTC has led the way in recognition of what the all-volunteer Armed Services means,” Abercrombie said. “It is the very foundation of democracy and the very fundamental element of civic responsibility. The young people you see before you today represent the legacy of that great tradition.”

Beard and Abercrombie presented 26 cadets, one from each high school, with the Kina Ole Award and an engraved poi bowl.

Kina ole is a Hawaiian term defining a concept of flawlessness, or more specifically, doing the right thing in the right way, at the right time, in the right place, to the right person, for the right reason, with the right feeling — for the first time.

“We cadets organize and run the whole event. Our instructors help mentor, but we take care of everything, and this motivates us to be better people,” said Cadet Lt. Col. Kristel Guino, Kina Ole Award recipient for Kapaa High School, Kauai.

Guino said she was pleased to have participated in the ceremony with fellow Hawaii cadets and was thankful for the opportunity to help represent JROTC, not just for Oahu, but for the entire state.

“We as instructors do the coordination for this event, and act as advisors, but when it comes to the operations, it’s all the cadets ... they do all the work,” said retired Army Lt. Col. Les Bise, assistant director, Army Instruction, Department of Education. “It

then goes back to self-esteem, their experience in leadership, application of things they learned in class at the ceremony, so the Governor’s ceremony represents the entire year and recognizes all 26 programs.”

The JROTC program has grown to more than 3,200 units strong, from six units at its inception during the start of World War I.

Hawaii’s JROTC program, managed by the Hawaii Department of Education, consists of 17 Army, four Air Force, four Navy and one Marine Corps unit.

“This event gives the military and the state an opportunity to honor these cadets who do so much for our community,” said retired Lt. Col. Antoinette Correia, manager, JROTC Program, Hawaii DOE. “If you look at the community service and service learning they engage in, they are helping veterans, helping the homeless, and so much more. It’s just amazing how much they contribute.”

For the past three years, the 311th Signal

Command has been the executive agent for the event.



JROTC Cadet Command Sgt. Maj. Joslynn Kahala, Nanakuli High School, leads her platoon off the field at the conclusion of the 30th annual Governor’s JROTC Review and Awards Ceremony at Palm Circle, Fort Shafter, April 19.

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can bowl free for up to three games) at the Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter Bowling Centers May 13, when you bring in a receipt from Mother’s Day Brunch at Nehelani or Hale Ikena. Special applies provided lanes are available. Call 655-0573 or 438-6733.

Ongoing

Golf Special at Fort Shafter — Pay for nine holes and play 18, Monday-Friday, except holidays, at the Nagorski Golf course, Fort Shafter. Offer applies to green fees only; cart fees are excluded. Course open to the public. Limited-time special. Call 438-9587.

Kids \$1.99 Meal — Every Wednesday night, keiki under 10 can eat for \$1.99 at the Kolekole Bar and Grill at Schofield Barracks or Mulligan’s Bar and Grill at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter.

All Army Sports — The USAG-HI Sports Office is now accepting applications for men’s and women’s golf, marathon and softball, men’s rugby and women’s soccer. Call 655-0856/9914.

Tripler Fisher House seeks boots for memorial event

PACIFIC REGIONAL MEDICAL COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE
News Release

HONOLULU — In memory of fallen service members, the Tripler Fisher House, here, is collecting 6,719 pairs of boots for the 2012 Fisher House Hero and Remembrance Run, Walk or Roll, scheduled for Aug. 18.

Each pair of boots will represent a service member who has died since Sept. 11, 2011, and will be displayed with a photo of the service member.

The boots will line the path of the run.

Donated boots don’t need to be new. In fact, donors are encouraged to include a note with the boots about themselves or the path the

boots have traveled.

The event will raise awareness of the Fisher House and the importance of supporting military families during a medical crisis or loss.

This year is the first that the Tripler House has organized the run, but it plans to make the event an annual one.

TAMC is home to two Fisher Houses and provides lodging to service members, retirees and their families from throughout the Pacific region.

Fisher houses, built by the Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization, are provided to the U.S. government as gifts.

Tripler’s Fisher House supports families and patients receiving treatment at Tripler Army Medical Cen-

Boot Collection
Drop off boots by Aug. 4 at either Fisher House at Tripler Army Medical Center, or mail them to the Fisher House at 317 Krukowski Rd., Honolulu, HI 96819.

Units wishing to start their own collection sites can contact Theresa Johnson, Fisher House manager, at 433-1291, extension 28, or email her at theresa.m.johnson2@us.army.mil.

The unit with the highest participation will be awarded the “Traveling Bronzed Boots” award.

Fisher House Hero and Remembrance Run, Walk or Roll
This event is scheduled for 7

a.m., Aug. 18, at the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island, and will include a Keiki Fun Run. A Family Fun Day, featuring interactive military static displays, information booths, an air show and entertainment, will follow.

There is no cost to register for the run; however, shirts will be available for purchase.

The event and Family Fun Day are open to service members, Department of Defense civilians, families and the general public.



Problem of drinking while driving old as the world

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ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. —Drunk driving actually began before the invention of cars.

As soon as a person climbed onto the back of another animal, there must have been some drunken horse, camel and elephant riders.

Drinking also played a large role in going to sea.

Alcohol has played an important part in human civilization for a long time. Historians believe that slaves building the Great Pyramid at Giza drank about 1-1/2 gallons of beer a day.

A daily task in Egyptian households was brewing beer, while pharaohs preferred to drink wine. It is easy to imagine drunken chariot riders in Rome, and there is no doubt that some of Hannibal’s men rode drunkenly on elephants into battle.

The collection, processing and distribution of water actually developed in the 20th century. Before then, a constant source of fresh and clean water was harder to come by. Stored water without modern techniques quickly stagnates.

One hundred years ago, diseases like cholera and typhoid were spread through contaminated water, killing hundreds of thousands. Alcohol was used as an alternative to water because most germs and viruses that lived in water could not survive in alcohol. It comes as no surprise that alcohol was widely used as medicine to kill germs and dull pain.

The first actual drunk driving arrest was made in 1897 in London when a man ran his car into a building. Before this time and for many decades after, automobiles and their owners were not regulated in any way.

In the U.S., it was not until 1910 that the first drunk driving laws were adopted in New York, but these laws merely stated that one should not drive a motor vehicle while inebriated, which was not clearly defined.

In 1939, Indiana introduced the first blood alcohol content, or BAC, level to determine if a driver was drunk. This level was set at .15, which is nearly twice today’s .08 national legal limit.

In the 1980s, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, or MADD,

came to prominence; ignition interlock devices began to be court ordered and the national minimum legal drinking age was set at 21.

It was not until July 2004 that the entire U.S. adopted a universal BAC level of .08 as the national standard for drinking and driving.

Army Regulation 600-85 states, “abuse of alcohol ... is inconsistent with Army Values.”

For thousands of years, alcohol has been an important part of our culture and our existence. While there has been an awareness that drunkenness is a bad thing, moderation has been tolerated due to the fact that, at times, in our history alcohol was literally seen to be as important as water.

Our modern life is so different from that of an Egyptian slave or a Roman charioteer or a medieval farmer, and yet, our attitudes towards alcohol largely remain the same.

Drunk driving has been around a long time, but the common message seems to be that if you have to go somewhere, don’t overindulge.

So rethink that drink!

(Editor’s Note: April is Alcohol Awareness Month.)



Confidential program protects Soldiers’ privacy, favorable actions

Under a pilot program, Soldiers who meet specific criteria can now self-refer themselves to the Confidential Alcohol Treatment and Education Program, or CATEP, without notifying their commanders.

When Soldiers enter CATEP treatment, they “are not vulnerable to suspension of favorable actions or subject to adverse personnel actions strictly because of their enrollment” in CATEP, part of the Army Substance Abuse Program, or ASAP, according to the new policy.

CATEP treatment plans may last anywhere from a few weeks to a year, all with the aim to meet the challenges of military readiness while supporting Soldier and family well-being.

ASAP is open Monday-Friday to support Soldiers:

- 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.
- 4:30-8 p.m., Monday-Thursday, for confidential treatment.

Call 433-8700 or 433-8708.

Other Resources

For more information on preventing drinking and driving, visit:

- www.apd.army.mil.
- www.drinkinganddriving.org/Articles/historyof.html
- www.DontDieDrunk.org/.



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ceeds will benefit the school.

The following items will be accepted loosely, not in plastic bags: aluminum cans (rinsed), glass bottles and jars (rinsed, lids removed) and plastic containers (rinsed, lids removed).

Bag/box the following items before depositing: newspapers (magazines and glossy inserts removed), corrugated cardboard (flattened), and white and colored bond paper.

Recycling Plastic — Plastic bottle caps and lids can now be recycled at Kapahulu, Mapunapuna and Wahiawa Goodwill locations. The project aims to reduce the amount of plastic in the ocean and helps save endangered

birds. Caps and lids made from No. 2, 4 and 5 type plastics are recyclable.

Call 393-2168 or 656-5411.

Veterinary Treatment Facility — The Schofield Barracks Veterinary Treatment Facility sees patients five days a week, with extended hours every third Wednesday of the month until 7 p.m.

Book an appointment for the new Wellness Package for affordable preventative care or to obtain a mandatory airline health certificate within 10 days of travel out of Oahu.

Call 655-5893 or 655-5889.

Art on the Zoo Fence — This event is 9 a.m.-4 p.m., every Saturday-Sunday. Fence artists set up their original paintings and photography along the fence of the Honolulu Zoo on Monsarrat Avenue across from the bandstand at Kapiolani Park. Visit www.artonthezoofence.com.